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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRUS AND UNGA DEBATE

1. FOCUS IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS LAST FEW DAYS HAS BEEN ON ACTIVITIES AT UNGA. GREEK CYPRIOTS SEEM UNSURE HOW TO REACT TO UNGA DEVELOPMENTS. MOST FEEL VOTING OF PRO-GREEK CYPRIOT RESOLUTION ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL, BUT ARE DIVIDED ON CONTENTS. OBVIOUSLY IN THEIR VIEW ANY RESOLUTION MUST CONDEMN TURKEY (AS OPPOSED TO TURKISH CYPRIOTS) AND MUST BLAME TURKS FOR FAILING TO APPROACH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WITH GOOD FAITH (AS OPPOSED TO GREEK SIDE). BEYOND THIS THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CONSENSUS. MAKARIOS HAS REMAINED SILENT.

2. MAJOR ITEM TODAY IS REPORTING OF DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY TURKISH DELEGATION IN NEW YORK AND SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW GIVEN BY CLERIDES TO AP CORRESPONDENT NOVEMBER 17 REFUTING POINTS CONTAINED THEREIN. AS REPORTED HERE, RESOLUTION

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CLAIMS AGREEMENT REACHED BY CLERIDES AND DENKTASH AT VIENNA III

FOR BIZONAL FEDERATION, FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WITH "LIMITED FUNCTIONS" PARTICIPATED IN BY TWO COMMUNITIES ON "BASIS OF EQUALITY" AND FOR EXCHANGE OF POPULATIONS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH. CLERIDES HAS DENIED VIGOROUSLY THAT ANY SUCH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED. HE SAID PROPOSALS ON SOME ISSUES HAD BEEN EXCHANGED, BUT THAT TURKISH SIDE HAD FAILED PRODUCE COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS "DESPITE SOLEMN COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN (BY THEM) IN PRESENCE" OF UNSYG. CLERIDES ADDED THAT ONLY AGREEMENT FOR MOVEMENT OF TURKISH CYPRIOTS FROM SOUTH TO NORTH AND FOR BETTERMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF GREEK CYPRIOTS ENCLAVED IN NORTH HAD BEEN REACHED. ACCORDING TO CLERIDES, TURKS HAVE FAILED IMPLEMENT THEIR SIDE OF THIS BARGAIN, EVEN THOUGH GREEKS HAVE "FULLY IMPLEMENTED" THEIR PART OF AGREEMENT.

3. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST REGARDING UNGA IS NOV 17 EDITORIAL IN WEEKLY PRO-CLERIDES ALITHIA WHICH STRIKES CHORD NOT COMMONLY HEARD IN GREEK CYPRUS: GOC HAS MADE ERROR IN EVEN TRYING TO OBTAIN NEW UN RESOLUTION. PAPER SAYS GOC SHOULD SIMPLY HAVE ATTEMPTED GET REAFFIRMATION RESOLUTION 3212. PRESENT DISCUSSION AT UNGA IS ONE OF WORDS, NOT SUBSTANCE. PAPER ASKS RHETORICALLY "WHAT ARE WE GOING TO GAIN IF INSTEAD OF LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION CALLING...FOR 'SPEEDY' WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS,...WE GET...NEW RESOLUTION CALLING FOR 'IMMEDIATE' WITHDRAWAL. WHY DO WE HAVE TO PLAY WITH WORDS? CAN'T WE UNDERSTAND THAT...WHAT MATTERS IS NOT THIS OR THAT PHRASE OR WORD BUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTION?"

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